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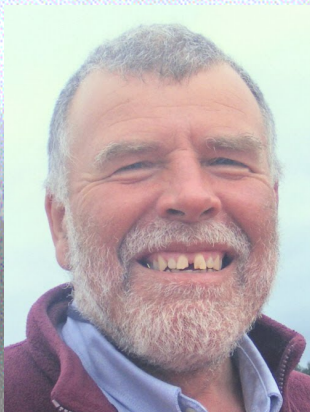
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### Happy Christmas

Steve Watson thought to bring this rare material to our attention.

<http://rokraider.zenfolio.com/p852338230>

It is a sequence of photos at the 2011 Merlin Rocket Nationals last August.

It is the last race of 6 with two boats in contention. 3684= Taxi Davis from Speed Sails, 3652 = Geoff Carveth (5 time Endeavour Champion). Geoff had already won 3 of the 5 races so far.

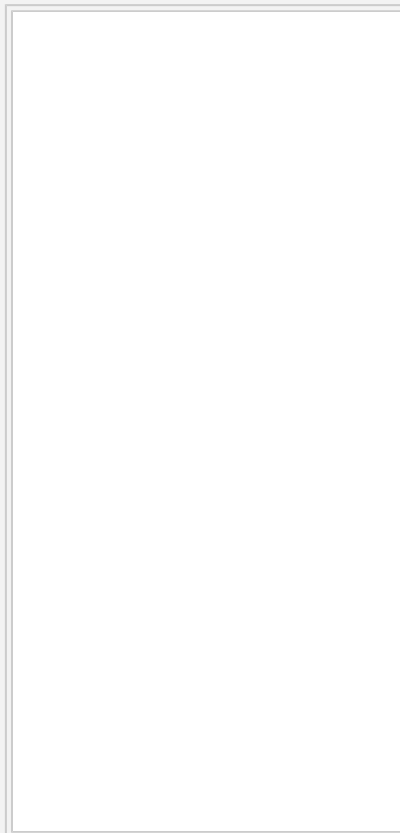
3652 must finish below 30th place out of 53 for 3684 to be National Champion. It became a match race within a fleet race.

The two 'match racing boats' started way behind the rest. Hardly apart the whole race, they still caught up the fleet and finished 37 and 38.

Have a happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Posted Dec 23, 2011 4:06 AM by Nigel Vick

### Calendar



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## Sportsmanship Consultation

**Richard Thompson** writes:-

Following several conversations during this autumn, I have found a wider than expected divergence of views on whether or not an umpire should penalise a boat that indicates she will 'spin' and then fails to do so.

Please note we are reviewing what the rule should be, not what you think it is now.

Your view on the question below will be most helpful. Please respond either YES or NO, before Christmas to [penalty@teamracing.org](mailto:penalty@teamracing.org)

Should an umpire penalise a boat, whether or not there is a protest, that clearly indicates (verbally or through her actions) that she will take a penalty and then fails to do so? We know this is unclear in the current 2009 appendix D and so the current intention for 2013 is to include a new paragraph in the umpire initiated rule that says an umpire may penalise a boat without a protest by another boat when

**"the boat clearly indicates that she will take a One-Turn Penalty, and then fails to do so."**

These words get away from the sometimes tricky consideration of intentions, rule 2 and sportsmanship; they allow umpires to make a call based only on the actions of the boats.

IF we have this rule, both sailors and umpires want consistency and any penalty will apply equally to a boat that hails 'spinning' and does nothing and to a boat that completes a 180 degree turn downwind but fails to gybe.

IF we do not have this rule, we will need a call, or at least something in the umpires manual, that says the umpires will not act in these circumstances. Would this open up a whole new game of bluff and counter-bluff?

So perhaps the whole consultation becomes one question:

**Do we want the umpire initiated rule shown above in bold?**

Posted Dec 14, 2011 3:59 PM by Nigel Vick

## Loughborough Lemming

This weekend saw Loughborough University host another successful Lemming with 16 teams of competitors coming from all over the country. All teams, except Nottingham, attended FND at the Students Union which lead to a very hungover Saturday morning and a few stories to tell!



**NigelSailing**

Cougars win last race 1, 2, 6 and

Final sudden death to finish

Spinnaker Jedi win race

Cougars beat Exeter and will face

Bristol Brew into knock outs. Bristol Thames.

Brew is under way. Wind arrived

Bristol Brew not looking good, no





After a slow start in the morning we completed half of the 56 race round robin on Saturday and all headed back to Loughborough. After a yummy Indian meal the sailors hit a couple of Loughborough clubs all in different Christmas fancy dress which definitely amused the locals!

The good wind on Sunday meant we finished the round robin and then held semi finals followed by finals.

**Birmingham 1** came out on top, **Nottingham 1** were second with **ShAlumni** third and **Birmingham 3** finishing fourth.

Thank you everyone for all your help and all the teams who came, apologies to the teams we had to turn away but get in early next year! Hope to see you all again next year and Happy Christmas!!

Report from **Lizzie Hill**

Posted Dec 5, 2011 10:40 AM by Nigel Vick

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### The Ladies Championships

**Ed Morris**, BUSA Chairman writes:-

I would be really grateful if you could publish and advertise the Ladies TR Championships through the UKTRA website. The event is being held at Spinnaker SC on March 10/11 NoR and Entry form are attached.

We have already had entries from Solent, Portsmouth, Southampton Liverpool, West Kirby and Spinnaker.

[Click Here](#) for Notice of Race

For Entry Form [Click Here](#)

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Posted Dec 8, 2011 4:01 AM by Nigel Vick

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### Geordie Shore

The weekend went pretty well, though we were sadly unable to sail on Saturday due to adverse weather conditions and somewhat fragile boats after last week's Durham Dambuster nightmare. Instead the teams sampled the delights of Newcastle town centre, going to the Christmas Market, the pub or enjoying a subsidised session of Ice skating.

Sunday the wind was variable, starting at about 6 knots (coupled with fairly heavy snow) as we arrived and building to about 25 knots (at which point we decided to call in one flight of boats) but mercifully by then without snow and with an average of about 17 knots for most of the day. Although we only had one day of sailing and we had to drop to one flight of boats early on today we still managed a round robin as well as semi's and finals.

In the end **Durham** came out on top, with **Warwick** a close second and **Manchester 1** and **Liverpool 1** in 3rd and 4th



respectively.

The socials of course went off in typical Newcastle style, with the early mornings being just too much for some people - We had to lend out about 4 team members to teams who had people who just couldn't face the water! We had some fantastic fancy dress efforts, with the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and Dino the Flinstones Dinosaur being my personal favourites.

All in all, not bad for a first try, we can't wait to give it another go next year and from what we heard today, the teams that were there agree with us - always nice to hear!

*Report by Sophie Carr*

Posted Dec 4, 2011 3:52 PM by Nigel Vick

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